CLAIMS:

1. A method for identifying a phase of an incoming UWB signal at a UWB receiver, comprising the steps of:

receiving incoming pulses of the incoming UWB signal, adjacent pulses of said incoming pulses arriving at a predefermined interval;

generating local pulses at the UWB receiver;

correlating the local pulses with the incoming pulses to produce a correlation function; and

determining a maximum of the correlation function.

- 2. A method of claim 1, wherein the predetermined interval is the time between the incoming pulses.
- 3. A method of claim 1, wherein the incoming pulses are at least one of bi-phase modulated, and quadrature phase modulated.
 - 4. A method of claim 3, wherein the incoming pulses are multilevel pulses.
- 5. A method of claim 1, wherein the step of correlating the incoming pulses with the local pulses to produce a correlation function comprises:

shifting a phase of the local pulses; and calculating a correlation value of the local pulses and the incoming pulses.

- 6. A method of claim5, wherein the correlation value comprises the correlation function.
- 7. A method of claim 1, wherein the step of determining a maximum of the correlation function comprises:

finding a first maximum;

analyzing the correlation function to find a second maximum that exceeds the first maximum; and

searching a region around the second maximum to determine if the second maximum is a true maximum.

8. A system for identifying a phase of an incoming UWB signal at a UWB receiver, comprising:

an antenna configured to receive in coming pulses of the UWB signal, adjacent pulses of said incoming pulses occurring at a pre-letermined interval;

- a signal generator configured to generate local pulses;
- a correlator configured to correlate the incoming pulses with the local pulses to produce a correlation function; and
 - a detector configured to determine a maximum of the correlation function.
- 9. A system of claim 8, wherein the predetermined interval is a distance between the incoming pulses in time.
- 10. A system of claim 8, wherein the incoming pulses are at least one of bi-phase modulated, and quadrature phase modulated.
 - 11. A system of claim 10, wherein the incoming pulses are multilevel pulses..
 - 12. A system of claim 8, wherein the correlator comprises:
 - a phase adjuster configured to adjust a phase of the local pulses; and
- a calculator configured to calculate a correlation value of the local pulse and the incoming pulse.
- 13. A system of claim 12, wherein a plurality of the correlation value comprises the correlation function.
 - 14. A system of claim 8, wherein the detector comprises:
 - a location mechanism configured to find a first peak;
- a correlation analysis mechanism configured to analyze the correlation function in order to find a second maximum to exceed the first maximum; and

a search mechanism configured to search an area around the second maximum to determine if the second maximum is the true maximum.

15. A system for identifying a phase of an incoming UWB signal at a UWB receiver, comprising:

means for receiving incoming pulses of the incoming UWB signal, and adjacent pulses of said incoming pulses arriving at a predetermined interval;

means for generating local pulses at the UWB receiver;

means for correlating the local pulses with the incoming pulses to produce a correlation function; and

means for determining a maximum of the correlation function to determine when correlation is achieved.

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